

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended): A liquid skin protective composition comprising the below-described ingredients (A) and (B) and having a water content not more than 10 wt. %:

(A) 3 to 50 wt. % of a block copolymer having a linear polysiloxane-polyoxyalkylene block as a structural unit and having an HLB not more than 4,

(B) at least one kind of oil selected from the group consisting of mineral oils, vegetable oils, animal oils, synthetic oils and organopolysiloxanes other than the ingredient (A), wherein the ingredient (B) comprises (B-1) 30 to 80 wt. % of an oil ingredient having a volatility of not less than 0.2 mg/cm²hr and (B-2) 30 to 60 wt. % of an oil ingredient having a volatility not more than 0.1 mg/cm²hr;

wherein the viscosity of said composition at 25°C is not more than 70 mPa.s.

2. (Currently Amended): The liquid skin protective composition of Claim 1, wherein the ingredient A is a block copolymer represented by the following formula (1):



(wherein, R represents a monovalent hydrocarbon group free of an aliphatic unsaturated group, A represents an alkylene group having from 2 to 4 carbon atoms, "b" stands for a number of from 4 to 100, "b" pieces of AO may be the same or different, "c" stands for a number of from 2 to 40, "a" stands for a number of from 4 to 100, and Y represents a divalent organic group bound to the adjacent silicon atom via a carbon-silicon bonded and to the polyoxyalkylene block via an oxygen atom).

3.-4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended): The liquid skin protective composition of Claim 1 ~~any one of Claims 1 to 4~~, wherein the ingredient (A) and the ingredient (B) are included at a (A)/(B) weight ratio of from 3/10 to 60/100.

6.-7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended): The liquid skin protective composition of Claim 1 ~~any one of Claims 1 to 7~~, wherein the ingredient (B) is at least one selected from liquid paraffin, liquid isoparaffin, methylcyclopolsiloxane and dimethylpolysiloxane.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended): The liquid skin protective composition of Claim ~~[[9]]~~ 1, wherein the ingredient (B-1) ~~comprising~~ comprises two kinds of oil having a volatility not more than 0.1 mg/cm²hr and a mutual solubility not more than 10 wt.%.

11. (Currently Amended): A method for protecting skin comprising:

[[of]]

applying a liquid skin protective composition of Claim 1 to the skin of a subject in need thereof ~~by spraying~~.

12. (Currently Amended): The method of claim 11, wherein said protective composition is applied by spraying it onto the skin

~~A method of applying a liquid skin protective composition of Claim 1 by using a material impregnated with the composition.~~

13. (Currently Amended): The method of claim 11, wherein said protective composition is applied to the skin in a material impregnated with said protective composition

~~Use of a liquid skin protective composition of Claim 1 to protect the skin.~~

14. (New): The method of claim 13, wherein said material is a diaper.

15. (New): The method of claim 11, wherein said subject is one exposed to body fluids, wastes or exudates.

16. (New): The method of claim 11, wherein said subject is one exposed to environmental chemical irritants or allergens that have an adverse effect on the skin of said subject.

17. (New): The liquid skin protective composition of claim 1, wherein ingredient A has an HLB of not more than 3.

18. (New): The liquid skin protective composition of claim 1, wherein ingredient A has an HLB of not more than 1.

19. (New): The liquid skin protective composition of claim 1, wherein ingredient (B) comprises methylpolysiloxane, liquid paraffin, and decamethylcyclopentasiloxane.